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Civil Division

Washington, D.C. 20530

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VIA ECF

Hon. Jeremiah J. McCarthy
United States Magistrate Judge
Western District of New York
2 Niagara Square
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: *Almashiakhly v. Patel*, Case No.: 1:23-cv-00841-JLS-JJM

Dear Judge McCarthy:

The Government respectfully submits this letter regarding the oral argument scheduled on March 12, 2025 in the above-referenced case. The claims raised by the Plaintiff in his First Amended Complaint fall within the purview of two Branches within the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice -- the Federal Programs Branch and the Torts Branch -- and those Branches separately briefed those claims. Because those arguments are distinct, the Official Capacity Defendants request permission for two attorneys, one from each Branch, to appear and present argument for the relevant portions of the hearing on March 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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